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## PERSONALS.

Emil Weichel is on a business trip to New York.

Miss Susan Morris has returned from New York.

Mrs. Edward Parker and family, of Waverly, are visiting Green Edge friends.

Miss Mary Wells, of Breckinridge street, has returned from a three months' stay at Pleasant Mount.

Norridge and Mrs. William F. Solly, of Norristown, are the guests of Judge and Mrs. A. A. Voshung.

Hon. P. P. Smith is home from Philadelphia where he presided on Monday with the other Judges of the Superior court.

Stephen Patchenke and Paul Tieszen, the Russian engineers, who have been in the city inquiring into American coal mining and coal cleaning methods, returned to New York yesterday afternoon.

Today is the Last Day of the famous auction sale of Oriental Rugs at George W. Watkins' store, 500 Lackawanna avenue.

## LEARN SHORTHAND.

Scranton Business College.

Messrs. Buck & Whitmore have on the ten requests for stenographers, four ladies and six gentlemen, and no one to send. Three of these are railroad positions. Erie, Lehigh Valley and Lackawanna, and two are with coal companies.

Dr. D. B. Hand's Office.

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City and School Taxes 1902.

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## WISDOM OF THE INDEPENDENTS

MAKE JOINT REPLY TO STATEMENTS OF MINERS.

Declaration of the Plaintiff Answered Seriatim and with More Detail Than by Big Companies—Miner Can Make Big Wages if He Chooses to Exercise His Option to Work a Reasonable Number of Hours. Miners' Union Is Charged with Many Grievous Offenses.

Appended is the joint answer to the miners' statement by the independent operators of the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions:

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 6, 1902.

Gentlemen: We beg to submit the answer of the independent operators of the Lackawanna and Wyoming regions to the demand of our employees for a higher rate of wages and shorter hours. To their demand for a uniform increase of 20 per cent. for contract miners, and an equivalent increase to all other help employed in the way of shorter hours, we affirm that the scale of wages now in force is such as to enable the diligent and skillful miner to earn more per hour than any class of labor, skilled or unskilled, employed in the cities and towns wherein our mines are located.

Pleading to the advantage of the Union of Mine Workers, the hours of labor and the number of cars produced per shift, was optional with the miner, and his daily amount of work was entirely under his own control and varied with his idea of the proper standard of living. Since the advent of the union of miners, the hours of his labor have remained entirely optional with him, allowing him to work as few hours as he may see fit, restricting him only to a certain number of cars to be sent out on any day. We assert, and it is our purpose to prove to the entire satisfaction, we believe, of your honorable commission, that the rate of wages now paid per car of anthracite coal, if he is diligent and industrious is greater than that paid to any skilled or unskilled labor in the cities and towns in which he lives, and are sufficiently ample to furnish him means not only to educate his children and live as becomes an American, but also to enable him to lay by sufficient means to support himself in his old age.

If we are successful in the presentation of facts and figures to your honorable commission, which will substantiate our contention, we believe that the rate of wages paid, and the hours worked should not be disturbed.

Not a Fact.

First—The present rate of wages is much lower than the rate of wages paid in the bituminous coal fields for substantially similar work.

This is not a statement of fact. The earnings per hour of the anthracite miner are greater than the earnings per hour of the bituminous miner as can be shown by comparison.

Second—The present rate of wages is lower than is paid in other occupations requiring equal skill and training.

In presenting our answer to this statement it is difficult for obvious reasons, to determine upon any class of labor which is suitable for purposes of comparison; notwithstanding that it requires less preparatory training to qualify a man to be a licensed miner than is required in any of the other skilled trades. Despite this condition it will be shown by comparison that the earnings of the miner per hour equals and in most cases exceeds the wages of the skilled workman in other branches of trade in this vicinity.

Third—The average annual earnings in the anthracite coal fields are much less than the average annual earnings in the bituminous coal fields for substantially similar work.

This statement is practically answered by our reply to the first demand. From the fact that the miner controls his own time of employment, the equitable way to arrive at his wages, is to consider the number of hours he works per day which, as we have stated, is entirely within his own control. We believe that we can show to the satisfaction of your honorable commission, that the earnings of the miner in any one year, his annual earnings, are greater than the annual earnings of the miner in the bituminous field for the same number of hours.

Fourth—The average annual earnings in the anthracite coal fields are much less than the average annual earnings in the bituminous coal fields for substantially similar work.

To answer this statement we beg to call the attention of your honorable commission, to that which we have already stated with regard to the amount of time which the miner puts in at his work. As we have said, the miner controls absolutely his own time. The rate of wages he is paid is high and whether his bulked earnings for a year are larger or smaller than those of occupation requiring equal skill and training is a condition for which the time the miner is willing to devote to his work is responsible, and for which the operator in no wise can be held to account.

Statement Misleading.

Fifth—The rate of wages in the anthracite coal fields is insufficient to compensate the miner for the dangerous character of the occupation, in relation to accidents, the liability to permanent disease, the high death rate, and the short trade life incident to this employment.

We submit that this statement is misleading and incorrect. (a) The rate of wages paid in the anthracite fields is commensurate with the danger of the occupation, and is moreover much higher than the rate of wages paid in other occupations which statistics conclusively prove are more hazardous. (b) So far as the deleterious effect of coal work on the general health of the miner is concerned, we beg to submit a paper herewith attached (exhibit A) which is signed by a number of miners employed at a certain colliery in this city.

There is inserted the petition circulated by the Sloan miners in the interests of a candidate for mine inspector in which it is shown that 40 of the 95 signers worked at the mine for twenty years or over, twenty for forty years or over and five for fifty years or over.

Sixth—The annual earnings of the mine workers are insufficient to maintain the American standard of living.

We have already shown wherein the miner himself makes his own standard, and we believe it fair to assume that the manner of his living is that which he elects as his own standard. The high plane of American living is due entirely to the thrift, industry and economy of the great mass of American people.

Seventh—The increased cost of living has made it impossible to maintain a fair standard of life upon the basis of present wages, and has not only prevented the mine workers from securing any benefit from increased prosperity, but has made their condition poorer as a result of it.

In answering this statement, we beg to

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## CROGAN WAS ONE TOO MANY FOR HIM

Sharp Ruse of Keen-Eyed Young Man to Cash a Bad Check Didn't Result Successfully.

Secretary James Crogan, of the Lackawanna Brewing company, was alone in the office of that concern at Money avenue and Poplar street, yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock when a keen-eyed young man in his shirt sleeves and with a pen behind his ear stepped hurriedly in.

"Sorry to trouble you, Mr. Crogan," he said, "but I'm from the Klotz Throwing company. Mr. Kilgour wants a few of his hands and he's short of money. He wants you to cash this \$35 check for him."

The keen-eyed young man handed over a check for Mr. Crogan's inspection as he said this. The check was drawn on the First National bank and was made payable to the Lackawanna Brewing company. It was signed by George Klotz, secretary of the Throwing company and looked regular enough but Mr. Crogan's suspicions were aroused.

"The bookkeeper isn't in," he said, "but if you call around about 5:30 o'clock I'll see if I can't cash it."

The young man went out and then Mr. Crogan began to think that maybe he was wrong in suspecting anything. The Klotz Throwing company's establishment adjoining the brewery and the fact that the fellow looked as if he had just stepped out of the office made things appear all right. He called up Mr. Kilgour, the superintendent, and was informed that he had sent no check to be cashed and that he knew no one answering the description of the young man.

At 5:30 o'clock the sleek young man again put in an appearance and was bareheaded and in his shirt sleeves as at first.

"I've come after the money," he said. "Mr. Kilgour says he didn't give you any check to cash," said Mr. Crogan as he edged over towards the door in the office railing.

The keen-eyed young man grew pale. "Oh, yes, he did," he said. "Come right over with me and see for yourself," and the next minute he had vanished and was lost in the exterior darkness.

The police have been furnished with a description of him. He is described as being about 5 feet 10 inches tall with black hair and mustache and as being especially intelligent and bright looking.

## OPTIONS SECURED.

Choice of Two Plots for Site for New Schools—Reason Why More Land Is Required.

W. J. Welsh, of the special committee appointed by the school board to negotiate for additional land for the new high school, secured options yesterday on the two plots adjoining the proposed site, the old Home for the Friendless plot on Adams avenue.

The plot to the north is ninety feet front by one hundred and fifty feet deep and extends to the corner. The one on the south is 80x150. The committee is disposed to recommend the purchase of the northerly plot as it is the larger, is on a corner and will cost only \$1,000 more than the other. The options are for about \$15,000.

In the opinion of the board it is absolutely necessary to secure additional land as the plans for the Smith Manual Training school, which is to be on the same plot, demand more land than was at first supposed.

If both schools were built on the present plot they would be so close together that one of the buildings would be deprived of the light so necessary to school rooms, and besides the high school would have to be built with its end instead of its front facing the street. By fronting the high school on the street, sufficient room would be left for the steam heating plant which is to supply the two new buildings, the present high school and the No. 33 building. Unless this arrangement is made a separate lot will have to be purchased for the steam plant.

## DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Residence of J. B. Birtley, at Throop, Burned to the Ground.

The fire residence of J. B. Birtley, inside foreman at the Hancock colliery, located on the Oliphant road in Throop borough, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon.

The origin of the fire is unknown, and owing to the inadequate fire protection afforded by the single hose company the building was burned to the ground. There was a dangerous fire building, but the arrival of a hose company from Priceburg prevented this. Mr. Birtley's loss is about \$4,500, covered by insurance.

## Important Changes

In train service on the Delaware and Hudson, taking effect Sunday, November 16. Time-table showing changes can be had at local agents, Saturday, November 15.

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## HOPKINS HAS HIGH AVERAGE

BACKUS BOWLER LEADS ALL OTHER PLAYERS.

For the Eighteen Games So Far Rolled by the Teams Comprising the City Bowling League, He Has an Average of 177 7-8—Coons, of the West Side Team, Is Second High Man with 172 17-18—Meister and Charley Moore Are Neck and Neck for Third Place.

J. M. Standing, the secretary of the City Bowling league, has compiled the averages of the various players for the first eighteen games played. As will be seen from the subjoined list, Billy Hopkins, of the Backus team, has a safe grip on first honors so far, his closest competitor being Coons, of the West Side team:

Player.	Club.	Games.	Pins.	Average.
Hopkins, Backus.....	18	3193	177 7-8	
Coons, W. Side.....	18	3113	172 17-18	
Meister, Arlington.....	18	2864	164 14-18	
Moore, Backus.....	18	2801	158 7-18	
Roll, Arlington.....	18	2753	154 14-18	
Murphy, Hampden.....	18	2637	148 3-18	
Evans, Hampden.....	18	2621	146 12-18	
C. Kiefer, Arlington.....	18	2592	142 12-18	
J. Kiefer, Arlington.....	18	2585	140 6-18	
McWilliams, Hampden.....	18	2583	139 3-18	
Peckham, Backus.....	18	2553	135 11-18	
Fahrenholt, Backus.....	18	2505	135 3-18	
Davis, W. Side.....	18	2462	135 9-18	
W. Side.....	18	2453	135 9-18	
W. Davis, Providence.....	15	2379	158 9-15	
Jehu, Providence.....	15	2358	157 3-15	
Jones, Arlington.....	18	2308	155 16-18	
Pelham, Providence.....	15	2274	145 9-15	
Wharton, Hampden.....	18	2260	141 17-18	
Rothermel, Franklin.....	18	2157	133 13-18	
Madenspaicher, P. K. H. S.....	18	2159	133 13-18	
Beynon, W. Side.....	18	2155	131 11-18	
Phillips, Franklin.....	18	2154	131 11-18	
Waldner, Indep.....	18	2152	131 14-18	
Henry, Providence.....	18	2153	150 8-15	
Franklin, Franklin.....	18	2087	149 15-18	
Vogelsang, Backus.....	18	2086	149 14-18	
Gillespie, Providence.....	15	2228	149 3-15	
Henry, Maenherchor.....	18	2047	147 11-18	
Zelman, Maenherchor.....	18	2046	147 11-18	
Bircher, Franklin.....	18	2045	147 11-18	
McAtoon, Hampden.....	18	2030	146 2-18	
Reppert, Maenherchor.....	18	2021	145 11-18	
Reynolds, W. Side.....	18	2014	144 2-18	
Jansen, Indep.....	15	2006	140 6-15	
Roll, Indep.....	15	2006	139 11-15	
Young, Maenherchor.....	18	2007	139 5-18	
Wagner, Indep.....	18	2007	139 12-15	
Ridgeway, Indep.....	18	2007	138 14-15	
Haan, Indep.....	15	2029	135 4-15	

## HENDRICK ADAMS' CHOICE.

A Winner in the Recent Educational Contest Makes His Selection.

Hendrick Adams, of Chinchilla, who finished thirteenth in the Tribune's recent Educational Contest, made his selection of a scholarship yesterday, taking one in the Hardenbergh School of Music and Art. This scholarship is worth \$200 and covers a year's course of forty weeks, one hour each week, private instruction in piano under Mr. Sumner Sailer.

It is hoped that Henry E. Collins, of Kizers, who has fourteenth choice will be heard from today, as he is the next in line.

The following letter has been received from Fred K. Gunster, of Scranton, Pa., Nov. 6, 1902.

Gentlemen: Surely none of the contestants is more pleased with his reward than I am with mine. It was my ambition to secure the scholarship at Syracuse university, and I consider myself fortunate in being able to choose it as my reward, since my position as the end of the contest was lowered to ninth place. I greatly appreciate your offer, where-with I am enabled to secure a higher education. I wish also to thank the many friends for their generosity in assisting me throughout the contest. Again thanking you and wishing The Tribune success, I am, Sincerely yours, Fred K. Gunster.

## LECTURE BY JACOB A. RIIIS.

He Will Speak in the Bicycle Club House on Nov. 24.

Jacob A. Riis, the author of "The Making of an American," and "How the Other Half Lives," is to deliver a lecture in the Bicycle club house on November 24, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' society of the First Presbyterian church. The tickets are \$1.

There is no man in the country today who suffers of the conditions under which the poorer classes live in the big cities have been so helpful and followed by such results as Mr. Riis'. While President Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York, he became much interested in Mr. Riis' work and assisted him materially in pursuing it. The warm friendship between them sprung up between the two men has been continued ever since.

Mr. Riis is a most interesting talker, and the large number who will want to hear him will unquestionably test the capacity of the bicycle house.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Attorney Joseph O'Brien Has Purchased the Williams Property.

The handsome residence of Sidney Williams, on Madison avenue, between Vine and Olive street, was sold yesterday to Attorney Joseph O'Brien. It was planned and constructed with the greatest care by Mr. Williams, and when completed two years ago was regarded as one of the finest homes in the city. Recently Mr. Williams resigned his position as superintendent

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